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2. Bridge data (for both railroad and road sections of bridge):

b. When located in a city, street names leading to bridges:

d. Width: About 12 meters

f. Type of construction: Steel bridge, Warren truss girder. Stone piers and abutments. 13 piers, 14 spans (1 x 41.1 m, 11 x 55.2 m, 1 x 84.0 m, 1 x 37.26 m).

Pier No XIII heavily damaged.
Superstructure of span No 14 almost completely demolished.

h. Conspicuous adjacent landmarks: None.

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SMA to the German Economic Commission (DWK) that, for the time being, only the roadway but not the railroad track of the bridge is to be reconstructed. The ordered construction work is to make the bridge serviceable for heaviest tanks and is scheduled to be completed by 31 December 1949 at the latest.

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3. ☐ Comment:

The bridge is a two-lane railroad bridge over the Elbe River on the STENDAL- WITTENBERGE line (one track on each lane).

The bridge section over the navigable channel of the River was demolished in 1945. The two lanes of the bridge were reconstructed in a makeshift way at the end of 1948. Railroad operations were resumed on the track of the northern bridge lane; the southern lane, which had a plank floor, was released to road traffic. (see Annex 2). In the ordered reconstruction work this plank road, now three meters wide, is to be widened and increased to make it serviceable for heaviest tanks (see Annex 3).

- 3 annexes:
1. Sketch of the demolished bridge section
 2. Reconstructed bridge sections
 3. Diagram of the planned reinforcement of the roadway.

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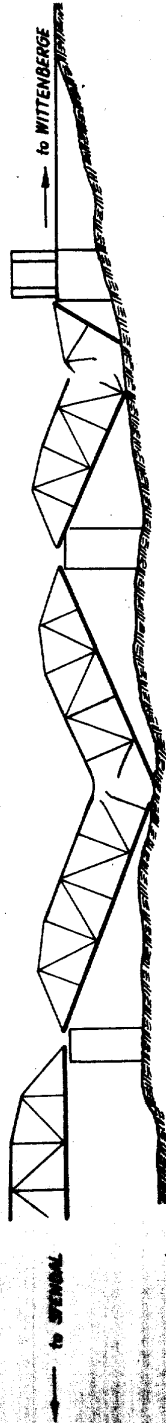
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Elbe River Bridge near Wittenberg

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Sketch of the demolished bridge section



- 12 -	XII	55 meters	pier heavily damaged
- 13 -	XIII	86 meters (navigable channel) 84 meters	heavily damaged
- 14 -		41 meters	superstructures almost entirely destroyed

Elbe River

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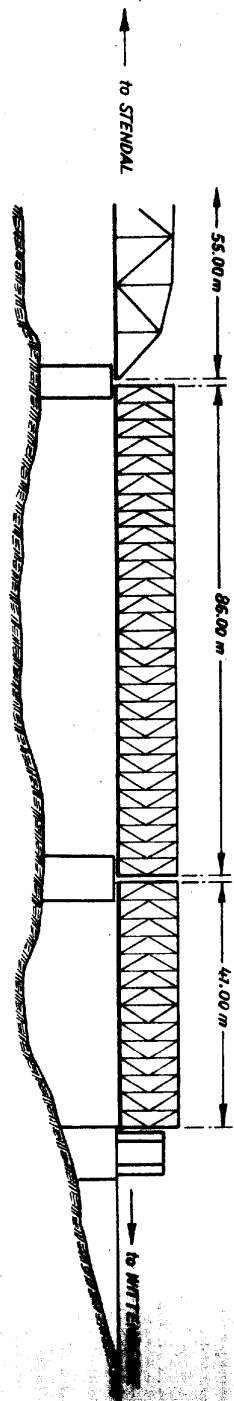
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Reconstructed bridge sections



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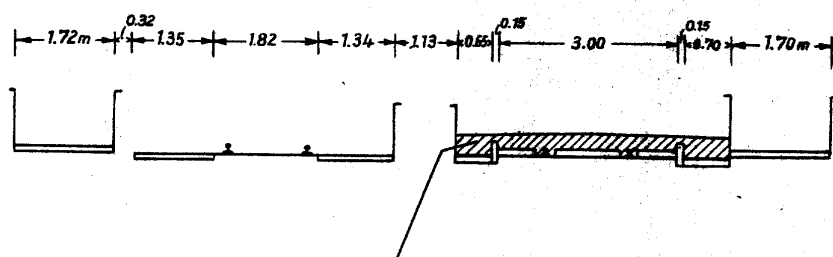
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Elbe River Bridge near WITTENBERG

Diagram of the planned reinforcement of the roadway



reinforcement of the section
of the roadway previously
covered with planking

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